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| Application Number | 09/733,384 |
| Filing Date | December 6, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor | Yasuki Motozawa et al. |
| Art Unit | 3616 |
| Examiner Name | Eric Culbreth |
| Attorney Docket Number | AB-1085 US |

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above application, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A three-month extension of time, extending the period of response to June 24, 2003, is requested in an accompanying petition.

IN THE CLAIMS

The following includes the entire set of pending claims in accordance with proposed revisions to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 allowing for amendments in revised format.

Please amend Claim 1:

Please add Claim 9.

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